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1. BELIEVE M'BAYE IS REFERRING TO SIR SAMUEL BANKOLE-JONES, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF SIERRA LEONE 1963-65, PRESIDENT APPEAL COURT 1965-71, ACTING PRESIDENT GAMBIA COURT OF APPEAL 1972. BANKOLE-JONES HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN SIERRA LEONE SINCE 1971. REPORTEDLY HE IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS AMERICANS AND WAS AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTEE IN 1965. HE HAS TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY IN EUROPE AND AFRICA.

2. BANKOLE-JONES HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN PUBLIC LIFE SINCE HIS CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO THE UN INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION WAS WITHDRAWN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE IN 1971. POST BELIEVES HIS LACK OF INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE WOULD HANDICAP EFFORTS TO UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH STUDY OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA. LINEHAN

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